## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## ANNUAL POLICE AWARDS PRESENTED

Police personnel including officers, civilian employees, and volunteers, were recognized at Carlsbad Police Department's annual awards ceremony on Wednesday.

Officer Alonso DeVelasco was selected **Officer of the Year** for his problemsolving skills and his exceptional performance as a motor officer. Community Services Officer Nancy Barnes was awarded the **Civilian Employee of the Year** for her exceptional performance in the investigations division. Sergeant Bruce May was named the department's **Supervisor of the Year** for exemplifying the department's values and being a superior leader.

Sergeant Matt Lowe was presented with a Medal of Valor, and Lifesaving Awards were presented to Officers Mingo Parra, Dzung Luc, Keith McClanahan, and Corporal Paul Reyes. Officer Adam Young was selected DUI Patrol Officer of the Year and Officer Travis Anderson was selected Auto Theft Recovery Officer of the Year.

Twenty officers received safe driving awards for reaching milestones of 5, 10 or 15 years of driving with no preventable collisions; Carlsbad officers drove an estimated 1.5 million miles in 2007. Corporal Jeff Smith was selected as the Tactical Response Team Member of the Year.

Volunteers Adrian Guerrero, Lucia Guerrero, and Luke Sturges were recognized for their contributions to the department and community as police volunteers.

Additionally, Chief's Commendations were presented, and awards were given for education achievement and exceptional suspect identification through fingerprinting.

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